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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Yoshihiro KATSUMATA, et al.

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Examiner: Melanie D. Bissett (parent)

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For: INK WASTAGE ABSORBER AND INK SUPPORTER

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests to be advised of the status of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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